

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A thermally sprayed article comprising:
  - an inner layer of a metal material having a
  - 5 first predetermined thickness;
  - an outer layer formed on said inner layer of a composite made of a polymer and the metal material having a second predetermined thickness.
- 10 2. A thermally sprayed article as set forth in claim 1 wherein said second predetermined thickness is less than said first predetermined thickness.
- 15 3. A thermally sprayed article as set forth in claim 1 wherein chips machined from said outer layer are long and curly.
- 20 4. A thermally sprayed article as set forth in claim 1 wherein chips machined from said outer layer have a size of approximately one to three millimeters.
- 25 5. A thermally sprayed article as set forth in claim 1 wherein said outer layer has a hardness less than said inner layer.

6. A thermally sprayed article as set forth in claim 1 wherein said polymer and said metal material are co-deposited to form said outer layer.

5           7. A thermally sprayed article comprising:  
                  an inner layer of a metal material having a  
                  first predetermined thickness;  
                  an outer layer formed on said inner layer of a  
                  composite made of a polymer and the metal material having  
10          a second predetermined thickness less than said first  
                  predetermined thickness, said outer layer having a  
                  hardness less than said inner layer.

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